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In re Application of:
Paul J. Gilligan, et al

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Application No.: 09/990,138

Group Art Unit: 1624

Filing Date: November 21, 2001

Examiner: Ford, John M.

For: **PYRAZOLOTRIAZINES AS CRF ANTAGONISTS**

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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF USPTO'S PATENT TERM
ADJUSTMENT DETERMINATION**

Applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration of the Patent Term Adjustment Determination of **(0) days** made by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(3)(B)(ii). This request is being submitted concurrent with payment of the Issue Fee, and includes the requisite \$200.00 fee.

Applicants respectfully assert that the instant application is entitled to **29 days** of Patent Term Adjustment, for the following reasons.

On Monday, May 19, 2003, Applicants submitted an amendment responsive to a non-final Office Action dated December 18, 2002, by Express Mail. A return postcard from the USPTO was subsequently received, confirming receipt of the amendment in the USPTO on May 19, 2003, a copy is enclosed herewith. Under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(A)(ii), the USPTO was required to respond to this amendment within 4 months.

The USPTO did not initially respond to the amendment. Instead, a Notice of Abandonment was issued on August 8, 2003, alleging Applicants' failure to respond to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002.

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The Notice of Abandonment was received by Applicants' undersigned representative on August 25, 2003. The following day, on August 26, 2003, a Petition to Withdraw Abandonment was filed in the USPTO by Express Mail. A return postcard from the USPTO was subsequently received, showing receipt of the Petition in the USPTO on August 26, 2003, a copy is enclosed herewith. In the Petition, Applicants stated that a response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002 had been timely filed, complete with requisite fees for a two-month extension of time, and included copies of the amendment submitted on May 19, 2003, the amendment transmittal, cancelled check #124692, the Express Mail label, and the return postcard from the PTO to verify receipt of the amendment by the USPTO.

Applicants' Petition for Withdrawal of Abandonment was approved, and a Notice of Rescinded Abandonment was mailed on November 26, 2003. The Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system indicates that the file was forwarded to the Examiner for consideration of the previously filed amendment on January 9, 2004.

On January 14, 2004, in response to the amendment originally filed on May 19, 2004, a Notice of Allowance was issued.

35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(A) states that the term of the patent shall be extended 1 day for each day after the end of the four month period set forth in 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(A)(ii). 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(2)(C) states that this period of adjustment shall be reduced by a period equal to any periods of time in excess of three months that are taken to respond to an office action.

Applicants submitted an amendment sufficient to overcome all rejections and place the application in condition for allowance on May 19, 2003. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that a Notice of Allowance should have issued within four months of their submission, or no later than September 19, 2003. The Notice of Allowance was not mailed until January 14, 2004, however, a delay of 117 days. None of this delay was due to inaction on Applicants' part.

Applicant's original response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002 was filed on May 19, 2003, a total of 62 days beyond the three month due date. Additionally, two previous delays in responding to Office Actions had occurred, each for a period of 13 days. Thus, the 117 days of adjustment to which the patent would otherwise be entitled may be reduced by a total of 88 days (62 + 13 + 13), leaving the patent entitled to a Patent Term Adjustment of **29 days**.

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CONCLUSION

Since the patent that is to issue on the instant application is **not** subject to a Terminal Disclaimer, Applicants respectfully request that the patent be accorded the full **29 days** of Patent Term Adjustment to which it is entitled.

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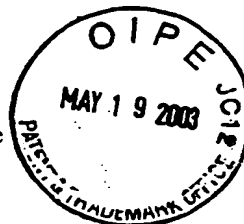
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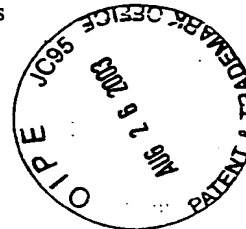
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